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## THE FLOWER ETERNAL.

FATE  
Is great!  
Be our state  
I m p o r t u n a t e  
Or most fortunate,  
We all come, soon or late,  
Unto Death's predestined date,  
Which doth for some alleviate  
Sorrows that for years have gathered weight:  
But ah!—— how oft it doth abbreviate  
Royal raptures that no language may translate—  
Raptures of love—divine!—— if it were not for Fate!  
Yet, on humblest graves, the flower of Faith still grows,  
More strange, more beautiful than Passion's rose,  
Flower of Faith, Love's autumn bud, that shows  
By its persistence through all times  
And perfection in all climes  
The reason of its bloom.  
So, tho' Doubt o'ergloom  
With cloudy wraith,  
Blooms more great  
Than Fate  
Faith!

HENRY W. AUSTIN.